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1. FOLLOWING IS AN UPDATE OF NARCOTICS SUMMARY
PROVIDED REFTEL. WE HAVE SUBSTITUTED SENTENCES
OR MODIFIED STATISTICS TO REFLECT THE CURRENT
SITUATION, AS INDICATED.

2. (SECTION 1) (FIRST SENTENCE) "SINCE 1976
DENMARK HAS BECOME A MAJOR TRANSIT COUNTRY FOR
HASHISH AND HEROIN ENTERING EUROPE, DESTINED
PRIMARILY FOR AMSTERDAM AND WEST GERMANY."...
(3RD SENTENCE) "COINCIDENTAL WITH THE INCREASE IN
HARD DRUG TRAFFIC, THERE HAS BEEN A MARKED INCREASE
IN HEROIN USAGE AMONG DANES, A SHIFT IN PART FROM
MORPHINE BASE WHICH HAS SOMEWHAT DECLINED IN
POPULARITY."... (PENULTIMATE SENTENCE)
(ADD) "AND EVEN PRIVATE AIRCRAFT."

3. (SECTION 2). INFORMATION REMAINS VALID UNTIL
PORTION DEALING WITH UNFDAC, WHICH SHOULD READ
AS FOLLOWS: "DENMARK WAS AN EARLY SUPPORTER OF
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THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL
(UNFDAC), HAVING GIVEN \$200,000 TO UNFDAC IN THE
EARLY 1970'S. IN DECEMBER, 1977, DENMARK PROVIDED
ABOUT \$400,000 FOR A PILOT PROJECT IN BADAQSHAN,
AFGHANISTAN UNDER UNFDAC AUSPICES. RECENT YEARS
HAVE SHOWN DRAMATIC INCREASES IN NARCOTIC SEIZURES
IN DENMARK. HEROIN SEIZURES, NONEXISTANT UNTIL

1974, PEAKED IN 1976 WITH 16 KG (VS. 8 KG. IN 1977 AND 2-1/2 KG. TO DATE IN 1978), WHILE HASHISH INTERDICTION HAS INCREASED FROM 255 KG. FOR ALL OF 1977 TO 435 KG. THUS FAR IN 1978. THE NUMBER OF MORPHINE TABLETS SEIZED IS AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL AS 1977, WHILE MONEY SEIZED IN DRUG TRANSACTIONS IS NEARLY DOUBLE THE RATE OF SEIZURE OF THE LAST YEAR. THERE ARE NO HARD STATISTICS ON HARD DRUG USERS IN DENMARK, BUT MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE ESTIMATES ARE IN THE 10,000 RANGE. THE RELATIVE STABILITY OF THE NUMBER OF DRUG USERS AND DECLINE OF HEROIN SEIZURES BELIES THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE NARCOTIC ABUSE PROBLEM, AN INDICATION OF WHICH IS BOTH THE INCREASE IN DRUG RELATED DEATHS (62 IN 1976, 70 IN 1977, AND 47 IN THE FIRST HALF ALONE OF 1978) AND FELONY ARRESTS FOR SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF NARCOTICS (47 IN ALL OF 1977 VS. 149 TO DATE IN 1978)." REMAINDER OF SECTION ACCEPTABLE, WITH THE SUBSTITUTION OF "72" FOR "40" MEN IN THE COPENHAGEN DRUG UNIT AND "LIMITED" FOR "NO" MONEY ALLOCATED FOR INFORMANTS.

4. (FIINAL SECTION) SECOND SENTENCE SHOULD READ "APPROXIMATELY 140 DANES HAVE BEEN TRAINED IN FIVE TWO-WEEK COURSES HELD IN COPENHAGEN ..." ALSO UNCLASSIFIED

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ADD AFTER THIRD SENTENCE "TWO DANES HAVE PARTICIPATED IN EXECUTIVE BRIEFING TOURS OF THE US UNDER DEA AUSPICES."

5. GIVEN THE SHORT TIME FRAME IN WHICH THIS INFORMATION WAS REQUESTED, WE ARE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHAT GENERATED THE SUDDEN INTEREST IN THE DANISH DRUG SCENE. MANSHEL

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